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1. SUMMARY: LEADING SOVIET TV NEWS PROGRAM DEVOTED OVER THREE MINUTES TO PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURAL JANUARY 20. SATELLITE FEEDS OF INAUGURAL CEREMONIES AND SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR FOREIGN AUDIENCES BOTH USED DESPITE LATE RECEPTION. PASSAGES ON ARMS CONTROL GIVEN SPECIAL ATTENTION. END SUMMARY.

2. ON JANUARY 19, P&C COUNSELOR INFORMED CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AT STATE TV-RADIO COMMITTEE OF SATELLITE FEED OF CARTER SPECIAL MESSAGE. MORNING OF JANUARY 20, EDITOR OF TV NEWS PROGRAM, "VREMYE," VITALIY BELOBOROD'KO, SAID PROGRAM WAS BEING CONSIDERED BUT \$6,000 FEE A PROBLEM. PRESS ATTACHE OFFERED BELOBOROD'KO P&C SUPPORT IN FUNDING "DOWNLEG" COSTS OF TRANSMISSION USED. CONFUSION ABOUNDED OVER TIMES AND SUBJECTS OF FEED(S).

3. EMBOFF CONTACTED PAO GENEVA AND WATCH OFFICER IN USIA OPERATION CENTER TO OBTAIN DETAILS ON TRANSMISSIONS WHICH WERE CONVEYED TO STATE COMMITTEE.

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4. ON RECEIPT REFTEL (C) ABOUT 1730 GMT, EMBASSY AGAIN CONTACTED STATE COMMITTEE TO INQUIRE ABOUT STATUS OF FEEDS. SOVIET OFFICIALS SAID FEED DUE ABOUT 2100, SAME TIME MAJOR TV NEWS PROGRAM "VREMYE" TO START.

5. FOLLOWING NEWS, BELOBOROD'KO CONTACTED EMBASSY TO GIVE

RUN-DOWN ON USE OF SATELLITE FEEDS. ACCORDING TO SOVIET TV TECHNICIANS, TRANSMISSION OF SPECIAL MESSAGE STARTED AT 1545 GMT BUT QUALITY VERY POOR. TRANSMISSION OF INAUGURATION BEGAN AT 1805 GMT, AFTER NEWS WAS ON THE AIR, AND WAS ALSO SPOTTY AND BROKEN. INAUGURATION WAS FIRST ITEM ON INTERNATIONAL NEWS ABOUT 1820, AND SOVIETS SAID PART OF TRANSMISSION WAS FED DIRECTLY ONTO AIR. THREE MINUTES PLUS ITEM CONTAINED FILM OF INAUGURATION AND SPECIAL MESSAGE WITH COMMENTATOR READING PORTIONS OF BOTH TEXTS. EMPHASIS DEVOTED TO PASSAGES ON ARMS CONTROL.

6. P&C PROVIDED BOTH ENGLISH AND RUSSIAN VERSIONS OF SPECIAL MESSAGE TO TV AND TASS.

7. EFFORTS OF ALL INVOLVED MUCH APPRECIATED.
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